

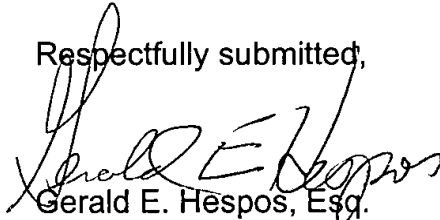
REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

This Amendment is resubmitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 14, 2003. The Notice included a page with the heading "The following checked (x) item(s) cause the Amendment document to be non-compliant". However, no items were checked. Counsel reviewed the entire amendment, and assumes that the amendment was non-compliant because the full text of the withdrawn claims 4 and 27 were not presented. As a result, the claim amendments now show the full text of withdrawn claims 4 and 27.

The Examiner is requested to consider the amended claims and to act favorably on the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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